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British Columbia and the Yukon

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Suggestion for Union of the Territories—A Splendid Solution of Existing Difficulties.

The suggestion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the unorganized northern territories of Canada be devided up by existing provinces is the most statesmanlike idea that has emanated from the Premier for some time past. The idea has not, of course, exactly originated with Sir Wilfrid; it has been suggested by others; nevertheless if he adopts it and carries it into execution he will be entitled to the credit, in much the same way that Mr. Joseph Chamberlain gets the credit for the idea of an imperial fiscal policy. In the House of Commons on Wednesday the Premier mentioned this method of dealing with the northern lands, and in reply to Mr. W. F. Maclean, said that under this policy the Yukon would become part of British Columbia.

This is the consideration of most importance to our province. Owing to its geographical position and the resultant trade routes, the interests of the Yukon and of British Columbia are closely allied. The merchants of Victoria and Vancouver depend upon the northern gold fields for a large proportion of their trade, while a very considerable number of the people who are developing the Yukon territory are British Columbians, whose families continue to reside in this province. The union of the Yukon and British Columbia would therefore be natural, and would but little disturb existing conditions.

On the other hand, the Yukon would benefit very greatly by the change. It cannot be doubted that the existing system of administration is most unsatisfactory, and injurious in its results. The political favorite at Ottawa who is intrusted with the administration of the territory is far from the central authority when he is enthroned at Dawson City, and is at liberty to pursue methods of government which would not be tolerated in any other part of the British Empire. Just prior to the fall of Congdon, the last occupant of Government House, the abuses of this method of administration had reached a climax. Men who had given the best years of their life to arduous toil in the frozen north found themselves debarred from the rewards so hardly earned. Their properties were taken from them on one pretext or another, and if their political views were antagonistic to the local Liberal machine they were given to understand that they were not wanted in the country. The thieving and dishonesty prevalent among the officials almost passes belief, but it is vouched for by incontrovertible evidence, and the rottenness of the whole system was practically admitted by the Ottawa government, when, early in the year, about half of the officials were dismissed. Congdon himself, the arch-conspirator, had the audacity to resign in order to appeal to the people for election to the House of Commons, but while the Yukoners may have been too preoccupied in their work to keep close scrutiny over the acts of the local administration, there was a limit to their indifference, and although most of the Conservatives had been driven from the country, the people remaining gave Mr. Congdon the thorough beating he deserved. Congdon went whining to Ottawa in the hope of regaining the post he had resigned, but found that there was a limit also to the forebearance of his superiors at Ottawa. Since then there has been no administrator appointed, the office being temporarily under the direction of the officer commanding the Mounted Police.

Although prior to the introduction of "party lines," the political history of British Columbia has been somewhat chaotic at times, the administuration of provincial affairs has been clean. It is true that Eastern Canadian newspapermen have been fond of writing about the political rottenness of British Columbia, and it is true that some of our own newspapers, controlled by gentlemen from the Great Cent Belt, have echoed, parrot like, this cry in our midst, but nevertheless we assert that politics in British Columbia have been much cleaner than in Ontario or Quebec. The fact is that our leading public men come of good, honorable stock and have not been brought under the influence—so obvious in Eastern Canada—of American political methods. The vast majority of the men who have controlled the affairs of British Columbia, while they may have been "slow" and "conservative" according to Eastern and American ideas, have been gentlemen. And to-day we have a government which possesses the same virtues, and, in addition, a business-like understanding of the necessity of limiting expenditure by receipts. So that the Yukon, by joining British Columbia, would gain freedom from the control of unscrupulous favorites at Ottawa, and would send to our legislature representatives who would be able to enlighten the government on the needs of the gold fields, and who would be assured of a friendly audience, desiring only to do everything possible to ensure the development of the country in the best interests of the people.

In our opinion, the union of the Yukon and British Columbia would be a natural and mutually advantageous political development. Both territories are mainly dependent upon the mining industry in one form or another. Relations between the two countries, both socially and commercially, already are of the closest and friendliest description, and united the two territiories would rapidly develop into one of the wealthiest and most prosperous states in the world.

The Passing Show.

The Coast-Kootenay Railway and Mr. Hill's Intentions—Objections to Tax on Travellers—Notes of the Week.

It cannot be denied that "railways" always form the most absorbing topic with the people of British Columbia. Even our claim for "Better Terms," just and vitally important to the financial welfare of the province, does not appeal to the popular mind with nearly so much force as any proposal of railway construction. The reason for this is to be found in the confidence of British Columbians in the natural wealth of their undeveloped territory. They are familiar with its resources; they know that valuable mineral and agricultural lands lie idly awaiting the advent of means of transportation, and so they regard the Railroad Builder as a true friend and benefactor. Two weeks ago, The Week announced that Mr. James Hill would build the Coast-Kootenay railway, and a week later the fact was discovered by the daily newspapers—when the V., V. & E. bill came into sight at Ottawa. Since then Mr. Hill's project has been the principal subject of discussion in the coast cities of the province.

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On Friday last Senator Templeman wired to the Victoria Board of Trade to the effect that a strong resolution endorsing the proposed V. V. & E. construction would be of great assistance before the railway committee on Tuesday. A special general meeting was called on Monday, but as so often happens on such occasions, unexpected opposition developed, and although a resolution supporting construction was eventually passed, it contained a proviso concerning a daily service to Victoria. Several members expressed a fear also that Mr. Hill did not intend to construct the railway from Princeton to the coast, and that the present proceeding at Ottawa was a ruse to cover a design of Mr. Hill to tap the Similkameen country for the benefit of the trading centres on the Great Northern railway system in Washington state.

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There is no reason, however, to distrust the president of the Great Northern company. If he find that, owing to grades, a portion of the Coast-Kootenay road could be more economically built on the other side of the boundary line for a short distance, he is entitled to permission to use his own judgment in the matter. There is no doubt that he will construct the road from Princeton west as fast as is possible, and once the coast cities are put in touch with the railway their merchants should have no difficulty in securing the trade, especially as goods shipped from American points would be dutiable.

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Some of the up-country papers are protesting against the tax recently imposed on commercial travellers representing extra-provincial houses. Some of the possible disadvantages of the tax are pointed out by the Fernie Free Press, which says: "The eastern wholesale houses resent the action of the B. C. legislature in taxing their drummers, and they are taking a sure method of getting even. One drummer was obliged to dig up his fifty dollars in Fernie on Wednesday and while in a communicative mood he disclosed some trade secrets. "You can rest assured," said this traveller, "that the wholesale houses who pay for this license are not going to suffer. It simply means that our rates go up the minute we cross the summit of the Rockies. A number of commercial men were on the train with me coming into Fernie, and on the way up from Blairmore we were busy marking up our goods. As a matter of fact with moderate sales we will come out considerably ahead in the game." The drummer was reminded that possibly the act was passed to protect B. C. wholesalers. "Yes," was the answer, "but these few are quite willing to come up to our prices, and after all the merchants must pay the tax, and the people eventually pay it in paying larger prices for their necessaries at the stores." These blunt statements are evidently facts. A very slight raise in the whole schedule of prices ought to increase the profits of the wholesalers to many times the cost of the license fee imposed. The merchant who pays more for his goods will naturally raise his prices and the tax comes back with the force of a boomerang to the people of the province for whose benefit it was imposed."

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The assumption that British Columbia firms would be willing to put their eastern competitors on an equal footing by consenting to the rise in prices to more than cover the amount of the tax seems to have rather slender foundation. As a general rule all taxes on trade fall eventually upon the general consumer, but this tax is designed to protect our own merchants against the competition of those who do not pay anything to the provincial treasury. In the opinion of The Week the tax is not nearly high enough to be effective; but that can be remedied later on.

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Progress of operations on the site of the C. P. R. hotel in this city have been very slow of late, owing chiefly to delay in the filling in of the ground. Plenty of sand, however, is now available, and it is anticipated that actual building operations will be commenced shortly. The contract for the structural steel required for the building has been secured by Messrs. E. G. Prior & Co., in competition with many leading firms in Canada and the United States. The successful firm expects to deliver the steel work for the first two floors of the hotel in less tha two months' time.

The Recent Meeting of the Teachers' Institute at Revelstoke.

Sketches Made on the spot by our Special Artist, Illustrating the Principal Speakers and the Subjects of Their Speeches.

The Victoria Day celebrations are drawing near, but the weather in Victoria has not yet got into line. It is to be a late summer this year, evidently, for Victoria usually is getting warm long before this time. There have been a few "spells" of lovely weather, but recently it has been squally. However, "it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good," and the farmers will benefit from the few April showers that have come down in May. At the time of writing the weather shows marked signs of improvement, and probably will be on its best behavior next week. It has been finally decided that the regatta will be held in the harbor instead of on the Gorge this year. Preparations for the celebration are in good shape and plenty of amusement will be provided for the visitors and citizens.

"Are you saved?" shouted General Booth to a man at a revival meeting. "No," he replied, "I'm a reporter."

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Brilliant Gathering Thursday Afternoon at Gubernatorial At Home.

The At Home at Government House on Thursday afternoon last was a most brilliant affair. About 300 of Victoria's elite were present, and the stately halls, drawing rooms and beautiful grounds were alive with smartly gowned women, and gay officers. Tennis and badminton were provided for the guests, who wished to take part in these games, and the lawns were in splendid condition. A sumptuous tea was served in the ball room, the tables being prettily decorated with clemais and ferns. In the balcony, an orchestra rendered delightful selections during the afternoon. His Honor Sir Henri Joly received in the spacious hall, and was assisted by Mrs. Nanton and Miss Boswell. The former was handsomely gowned in black silk with rich lace, while Miss Boswell wore a becoming frock of cream voile with lace, and black velvet garnitures. Among the guests were Mrs. W. F. Burton, who wore cream crepe de chine with lace, and cornflower blue picture hat; Mrs. Henry Croft, who was in a handsome gown of heliotrope cloth and velvet with hat to match; Mrs. G. A. Kirk, in purple cloth with lace jabot; Mrs. A. W. Jones was in black spotted white lustre with black picture hat; Mrs. G. H. Barnard wore white; Miss Todd was in cream voile with black hat; Miss Ethel Earle wore dark blue lustre, with hat to match; Mrs. Gillespie wore a spotted green crepe gown and large black hat; Mrs. J. W. Going was in a grey cloth frock with pale blue hat; Miss Leverson wore a grey voile gown and green hat with red roses; Mrs. A. T. Goward was in a pretty frock of tan lustre with pale blue velvet garnitures; Mrs. Berkeley wore tan cloth with pale mauve chiffon hat; Miss Christie was in grey check cloth with large grey hat; Mrs. Blaiklock wore black silk; Mrs. A. J. Hall was in a grey gown with hat to match; Mrs. Troup wore cream cloth and red chiffon hat; Mrs. D. M. Rogers was in a creame voile gown over pink taffeta, and large picture hat; Miss Beth Irving wore white crepe de chine and large white hat; Mrs. Brett wore pale green, and Mrs. Ker was in cream cloth and lace; Mrs. Blackwood wore tan voile, with black hat; Miss E. Brown looked smart in a brown lustre frock with hat to match; Miss Gladys Campbell wore pale blue with white lace; Mrs. C. W. Rhodes was in black and white striped silk; Mrs. Baiss wore a handsome gown of grey silk with pink paune velvet trimmings; Miss Lawson wore white with black hat; Miss S. Pemberton wore a handsome frock of white lace over taffeta; Mrs. H. R. Beaven wore cream cloth; Mrs. McCallum was in black and white; Mrs. Burke wore a dainty costume of grey voile with white lace; Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson was in cream cloth with black picture hat; Mrs. Griffiths wore pale green; Miss King wore white silk with lace; Mrs. F. Hanington was in black and white; Miss Hanington wore cream serge with large white hat; Mrs. Butchart wore a smart black net gown over white; Mrs. Richard McBride was in black with blue hat; Mrs. J. A. Raymur wore cream cloth and lace with pale green hat; Miss Heyland wore dark green cloth and white hat; Mrs. George L. Courtney was in an old rose voile gown with large white lace hat; Mrs. Baugh Allen wore grey cloth and black hat; Mrs. W. E. Green was smartly gowned in black crepe de chene, with cerise roses and black picture hat; Miss Violet Powell wore a becoming gown of pale blue silk with large white hat; Mrs. Langworthy wore pale green chiffon over pink silk and white lace; Mrs. R. Dunsmuir was in cream and black silk; Mrs. Archer Martin wore a grey cloth gown with red chiffon hat; Mrs. Rowe wore black and white; Miss Bullen was smart in white silk and lace; Miss R. Dupont wore green voile with hat to match; Mrs. H. A. Goward was in white cloth and black hat; Mrs. Muspratt-Williams wore cream striped voile over pale blue taffeta; Miss M. Chambers was in grey voile and lace with black velvet; Mrs. Cooper wore a becoming gown of heliotrope silk with cream lace; Miss Baiss was in cream silk and lace; Miss Eberts wore cream voile over pink taffeta; Mrs. Bland was in pale blue crepe and white lace; Miss Holmes wore grey cloth and large blue hat. Others present were: Miss Keefer, Miss Bell, Miss Pooley, Mrs. Carmichael, the Misses Butchart, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. Beaven, the Misses Sehl, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Miss Gaudin, Mrs. E. E. Wootton, Mrs. McPhillips, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Wright, Miss Langley, the Misses Nuttall, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mrs. H. Robertson, Mrs. Nicholles, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. T. Earle, Mrs. Rome, Mrs. Crow Baker, Miss Woodward, Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, Miss Wibling, Mrs. B. C. Mess, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Rebbeck, Mrs. Denison, Miss Walbran, Miss Robertson (Vancouver), Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Shakespeare, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. Rykert, Miss Aikman, Mrs. H. F. Langton, Mrs. David Spencer, Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Gavin Burns, Miss Macdonald, Mrs. J. W. Church, Mrs. Lugrin, Miss Green, Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, Mrs. Gore; Mrs. W. F. Bullen, Senator Macdonald, Capt. Wright, Capt. Cockburn, Major Bland, Capt. Muspratt-Williams, Capt. Clarke, Col. A. W. Jones, Capt. Walbran, Major C. T. Dupont, Rev. C. E. Cooper, Rev. Baugh Allen, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Columbia, Dr. G. L. Milne, Dr. A. T. Watt, Hon. Richard McBride, Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Hon. F. J. Fulton, and the Messrs. D. M. Eberts, Abraham E. Smith, Thomas Earle, Noah Shakespeare, G. Crow Baker, Charles E. Redfern, J. G. Gibb, B. C. Mess, E. E. Wootton, J. P. Babcock, C. H. Lugrin, G. H. Burns, J. W. Church, H. F. Langton, P. G. Lampman, J. K. Rebbeck, Napier Denison, H. A. S. Morley, B. H. John, L. O. and L. H. Garnett, C. Loewenberg, E. D. Leverson, John Musgrave, E. V. Bodwell, E. Langworthy, Stuart Williams, R. E. Gosnell, Sydney A. Roberts, David Spencer, E. O. S. Scholefield, John Hirsch, Hebden Gillespie, F. Devereux, Charles McKilligan, — French, — Geary, — McCallum, — Strauss, — Goudon, — Grant and H. J. S. Muskett.

The incorporation of Salmon Arm as a municipality and of Kelowna as a city has been gazetted.

COWICHAN LAKE.

Cowichan lake is indeed the rendezzous of sportsmen, and the fishing just now is exceptionally good. For this particular lake the month of May is always considered as the beginning of the season, and consequently there has been a rush of fishermen all keen to try their luck. On the river the fish have been a little shy to take the fly, but only too anxious to swallow the unappetising spoon. On Friday last week some seventy pounds of fish were taken, and in this present week good catches have consistently been made with fly and spoon. Amongst those successful with the fly were Mr. R. C. Furlonger, who caught 29 pounds in three days; Captain Popham and Mr. Galloway; with a Stuart spoon Mr. E. G. Brinkley secured some 27 pounds of fish, including a nice 5-pound trout. The best grounds for trolling is in the big lake, and a gasoline launch is kept at the Lakeside hotel to convey anglers to that spot. Amongst recent visitors to the Lakeside hotel were Mr. Justice Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Barkley, Captain Watts, Mrs. Parry, Mr. J. H. Gillespie and Mr. H. F. Carter. This popular resort is an ideal spot, and fishermen can feel sure of having the best of sport. V. A. G. E.

According to the Ottawa correspondent of the Colonist, Colonel Holmes, now district officer commanding the Canadian militia, will be appointed to the command of the Esquimalt garrison, an Eastern militiaman taking Col. Holmes' present office.

Progressive Duncans.—The little town of Duncans is becoming quite up-to-date. A local weekly, The Duncans News, has made its appearance, and now it is announced that Messrs. C. H. Dickie and Price have made arrangements to instal a waterworks system at a cost of $60,000 for the township. The water is to be taken from Springer creek.

In the published programme in the Colonist of the proceedings of the Presbyterian conference on Wednesday last a "pi" line dropped in at the end of a list of "subjects" to be discussed which if included in the proceedings would have proved a puzzler for the most astute divine. The line was:
are you the felo cmfwypshrdlucmfwyp ?
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Social

Miss Violet Powell, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Fordham, in Vancouver, has returned to Victoria.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Edith Tobin, eldest daughter of Mrs. Augustus Power, Wilbrod street, Ottawa, to Mr. Herbert E. A. Robertson, barrister, of Vancouver, and son of the late Mr. Justice Robertson of Victoria.

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A very pleasant reception was tendered Mr. Leonard Vaughan and his bride, nee Miss Munro, on their return to Grand Forks from the east, at the home of Mayor and Mrs. Hammar on May 4. The festivities consisted of vocal and instrumental music, dancing, progressive whist and other games. An excellent luncheon was served, which was greatly relished by every one present. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable gifts.

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The "flannel dance" which was given by the Assembly Club on Friday evening was much enjoyed by the members and their friends, which numbered about 150 all told. The dance was the closing one of the season, that is they close for the summer months, but will continue again in the autumn for the season of 1905-6. Among those present were: Mrs. Wolfenden, Mrs. and Miss Joule, Mrs. H. A. Goward, Mrs. J. A. Cameron, Mrs. O'Keefe, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Miss Clarke, Miss Muriel Henderson, the Misses L. and P. Garvin, the Misses P. and H. Binns, the Misses Locke, the Misses Gladys and B. Cameron, Miss M. Bone, Miss Grace Atkinson, the Misses B. and O. Fawcett, Miss B. Raymond, Miss Anna McQuade, Miss Winifred Wilson, Miss M. McKay, the Misses M. and E. John, Mrs. and Miss Leigh, Miss Russell, Miss J. Brown, the Misses Fraser, Miss Wilson (Vancouver), Miss Lochlan (San Francisco), Miss Rankin, Miss Helen Stromgren, Miss Margaret Lowe, Miss George, Miss Z. Carter, Miss M. Atkinson, Miss Eva White, Miss May Moss, Miss Edith Lindsay, Miss Florence Gowen, Miss Grace Lang, Miss Gertrude White, Miss Muriel Langley, Miss Muriel Nicholles, Miss Belle Roberts, and the Messrs. Percy and Harold Brown, Leslie Henderson, T. D. Fawcett, H. A. Goward, James McArtaur, Edgar Fawcett, Roland Grant, Gilbert Wilson, R. George, P. Cudlip, A. Moss, J. Yale Simpson, John Ham, Henry G. Dalby, Arthur Belyea, W. Winsby, Charles White, L. S. V. York, John Lawson, Walter Englehardt, Gordon Jameson, Arthur Smart, W. Goddard, Henry Nesbitt, Sydney Child, Roy Machin, D. Kent. J. Virtue, D. B. McConnan, George Yale Simpson, J. W. D. York, Charles S. McKilligan, F. White, — Purvis, — Bone, — Fraser, — Matheson, — Lang, — O'Keefe, — McIntosh, — Finch and — McManus (Seattle), Miss Thain and Mr. Fawcett supplied the music in their usual good style. the extras being well rendered by Miss E. Locke, Messrs. Henry G. Dalby, Leslie Bell and Leslie Ellis.

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The juvenile party given by Mrs. Simpson's and Mrs. Dickinson's private class on Saturday evening last in the Assembly hall was a most delightful little social affair. Besides the large number of children there were also a great many "grown ups" and dancing was kept up until the first stroke of twelve. A supper was served about 11 o'clock for the children, after which the others enjoyed a dainty repast. Miss Thain and Mr. Fawcett provided the music, which was perfect dance time. The hall was artistically decorated, and in the supper room the tables were prettily arranged with large bowls of lovely spring flowers and ferns. Some were in fancy dress; in fact all the young ladies who took part in the "King of Siam" wore their pretty stage costumes, and looked particularly charming. Among these were Miss N. Heyland, Miss Alice Bell, Miss Noel Moresby, Miss Anna McQuade, Miss Katie King, Miss Gladys Green, Miss Dorothy Beanlands, Miss Nellie Lombard, Miss Gladys Campbell, Miss Ethel Brown, Miss V. Hickey, Miss I. Newling and Miss Newcombe. The "King of Siam" (Mr. A. Gore) also made his appearance, but unfortunately not in full regal robes. The others present were Miss Phyllis Green, Miss Monteith, Miss N. Dupont, Miss Hickey, Mrs. Norton, Miss Susette Blackwood, the Misses McElhinney, Miss Winifred Windle, Miss Violet Moresby, Miss S. Baugh-Allen, Miss Marjorie Rome, the Misses Robertson, the Misses Irving, the Misses Smith, the Misses Holden, Miss I. Foot, the Misses Garvin and Miss L. King; Messrs. Roger Monteith, D. Hanington, J. Bridgman, Leonard Foot, S. Patton, B. Bell, Leslie Bell, F. B. Pemberton, George Simpson. J. Gibson, J. Heyland, P. Keefer, H. C. Keefer, B. Prior, J. Forsythe, J. Wilkinson, H. J. S. Muskett, Temple Cornwall and L. H. Garnett.

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On Tuesday evening last the Assembly hall was the scene of another very pretty closing dance. Mrs. Simpson's and Mrs. Dickinson's Thursday evening class having invited over 100 of their friends to the last dance of this class for this season. Miss Thain and Mr. Fawcett, the popular piano player and violinist, were secured to supply the dance music, which needless to say was perfection. A delicious supper was enjoyed about midnight, refreshing drinks being served through the evening. Pretty frocks were much in evidence, and vied with each other in brightness of color and daintiness. A few of the guests noticed were: Mrs. Frank Sehl, Miss Locke, Miss Woodrow, Miss Nicholles, Miss M. Nicholles, Miss Alice Carr, Miss Sehl, Miss D. Sehl, Mrs. H. A. Goward, Miss M. Johns, Miss A. McQuade, Miss Heater, Miss Spray, Miss Fell, Miss Clay, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Sparrow, Mr. F. Sehl, Mr. E. McQuade, Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. George Simpson, Dr. C. H. Haynes, Mr. H. Ross, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. H. A. Goward, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Sylvester, Mr. Anton Henderson and Mr. J. Y. Simpson.

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The managing ladies of "The King of Siam" have at last been persuaded to give another performance of that delightful little opera to-day. An alteration has been made in the cast, Miss Mai Todd being unable to perform, having left Victoria for a few weeks in the country. Miss Irene Newling (her understudy) is taking her place, and it is rumored does ample justice to the part, and makes a very chic and dainty See Bett. A matinee has been arranged to take place this afternoon at the Institute hall. The door opens at 1.30, and the curtain rises at 2.15 sharp, the seats are 25 cents all over the house. Several new local hits have been introduced, and judging from the late rehearsals this performance will be even better than the last, which is saying a good deal. There is some talk of this amateur company journeying up to Duncans and playing there on Saturday next; however this this question is not finally settled. The proceeds of the first two performances are to be devoted to repairing Christ Church Cathedral school room. To-day's matinee will be for the children's ward of the Jubilee hospital fund, and the proceeds to go towards purchasing a bed for the ward.

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Mrs. W. S. Gore, of Burdette avenue, gave a matinee party at the Redmond theatre on Tuesday afternoon last to a number of her young lady friends. The hostess afterwards served a dainty tea at her residence, the drawing room being prettily decorated for the event with flowers and ferns. Among those present were Mrs. Gibb, Miss Dorothy Beanlands, Miss E. Browne, Miss Noel Moresby, Miss V. Hickey, Miss W. Johnson, Miss Beth Irving, Miss Monteith, Miss I. Newling, Miss K. King, Miss Gladys Campbell, Miss Netta Heyland and Miss Newcombe.

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Miss Beatrice Gaudin, who has been ill with typhoid fever, is rapidly recovering, and her many friends will be glad to learn that they will soon be able to visit her.

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The officers and men of No. 3 Company, Rocky Mountain Rangers, are to be congratulated on the success of the last of their short evening dances, which took place on Easter Monday. In spite of the weather being rather warm a large number of lovers of the light fantastic were there, and agreed it was one of the jolliest dances ever held in Kamloops. These dances have been very popular during the past winter, and it is to be hoped they will be continued next winter.

May Day in Kamloops.—May Day was a very happy one for the children of Kamloops, writes "Bunchgrass." The arrangements were in the hands of the local fire brigade who did everything possible to make it a red letter day for the youngsters. A procession was formed at one o'clock in front of the K. M. & A. A. hall, which, headed by the R. M. R. band, proceeded to the Alexandra Park, where the ceremony of crowning the May Queen elect, Miss Mary Barnhart, was performed, after which the may pole and other amusements were indulged in until 5 o'clock, when the procession was reformed and marched to the site of the new fire hall, where the ceremony of laying the foundation stone was performed by the May Queen. His Worship the Mayor generously presented her with a silver trowel for the occasion. His Honor Judge Bole, who was in town, made a neat speech, and on behalf of Her Majesty the May Queen declared the stone well and truly laid. In the evening a dance was given for the children until 10.30, after which time the "grown-ups" took possession until the small hours.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Annual subscriptions received this week are acknowledged from the following new subscribers in Nelson: H. Houston, A. Honeymoon, Strathcona Hotel, Hume Hotel, Charles Scott, Nelson Freighting & Transfer Co., C. C. Daley, W. H. Bullock-Webster, Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Sheriff S. P. Tuck, McDermid & Hardy, W. A. Macdonald, K.C., H. E. Croasdaile, Dr. F. E. Morrison, Ashdown Hardware Co., O. J. Bucher, R. J. Hawkey, M.D., R. S. Lennie, J. E. Annable, Imperial Bank, Brydges, Blakemore & Cameron, F. Starkey & Co., Clark & Thomson, Kootenay Cigar Co., Royal Bank, Bank of Commerce, E. Ferguson & Co., P. Burns & Co., Hudson's Bay Co., Bank of Montreal, W. G. Tierney, Standard Furniture Co., Wood, Vallance Hardware Co., Fairbanks Co., A. G. Lambert & Co., A. Macdonald & Co., A. M. Johnson, Thorpe & Co., G. H. Love, Frank Hebden, Mrs. Dean Bradley, J. A. Gilker, Bell Trading Co., A. J. Driscoll, E. J. Brown, Jos. Carter, Allan Lain, J. C. Thelin, and C. C. Hodge. Total, 49.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. E. A. Wilmot, the new inspector of dykes in the Fraser valley, has entered upon his duties.

Six muckers, F. Kelly, F. Edge, P. Hartigan, C. Helding, O. Wester and R. Sheridan, employed at the St. Eugene mine, Moyie, pleaded guilty and were each fined $2.50 and costs recently, for violating the eight-hour law. On March 8th and 9th the men were working in the shaft level, and they were asked to work overtime in order to have the muck cleared away for the shift following. The matter was reported to the mine inspector, who had the men arrested. There is also a heavy fine for a company violating the law, and the case against the St. Eugene will come up later.

The inquest on the bodies of Scott and Eastwood, the two firemen killed in the head-on collision on the C. P. R. line, between No. 1 west-bound passenger train and an east-bound freight train, in charge of Conductor McCrum and Engineer McNab, was held at Revelstoke last week, and from the finding of the jury it appears that the accident occurred from a mistaken reading of a train order by Engineer McNab. The verdict of the jury was as follows: "We, the jury, after having duly considered the evidence submitted, find that the deceased met their deaths by injuries sustained through a collision between engine 1006 of No. 1 and engine 1003 (McCrum's extra east), which took place 500 yards east of Downie station about 10.15 o'clock, the 29th of April, 1905, the cause of the collision being the non-observance of rules provided by the railway company on the part of Engineer W. J. McNab and his mistaking form No. 19 covering schedule No. 1, as being schedule of No. 1 running late."

There is a growing demand in the fast-developing Boundary district for roads and trails. Several promising mining sections near Greenwood are said to be seriously retarded in development owing to the absence of any economical means of transportation.

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Original Sketches, Short Stories, Verse, "Jokes," Photographs, etc., submitted, will be carefully considered, and if acceptable, will be paid for if desired.

Contributors are reminded that "brevity is the soul of wit."

All contributions intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor, and all business letters to the Manager.

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TOO MUCH PAROCHIALISM.

In the opinion of The Week, the Victoria Board of Trade took an unwise course when, on Monday last, it replied to Senator Templeman's telegram asking for the board's unanimous endorsation of the proposal of Mr. Hill to build the V., V. & E. line, with a resolution burdened with "providing thats." British Columbia wants the Coast-Kootenay railway built and wants it badly. Mr. Hill offers to build the road without cost to the province and to complete it within four years (which is quick work) and our board of trade immediately looks Mr. Hill's gift horse in the mouth, suspects intention to divert British Columbia trade to American towns, and asks for stipulations that a "daily freight and passenger service be given Victoria within four years." Of course, there is not the least reason to suppose that the Ottawa authorities will burden the contract with any stipulation of that sort. It would be very nice for Victoria if everybody was anxious to look out for her interests all the time, but like other cities, Victoria must learn, sooner or later, that her welfare depends not upon favors, but upon her merits. As a matter of fact, there is no reason to doubt that Mr. Hill will make proper connections with Victoria; for, as Mr. Paterson pointed out at the meeting of the board of trade, the Great Northern Company already possesses a link with this city in the form of the Victoria Terminal railway. So far Victoria has not treated the Great Northern very generously, but let us hope that Mr. Hill will not trouble about that unpaid subsidy from the city, and will help us to make Victoria the important commercial centre we all desire to see her.

A strong fight is likely to be put up against the V., V. & E. by rival railway companies, but it does not behoove Victoria to enter the ranks of the obstructionists. There is such a thing as too much parochialism, and the board of trade appears to be suffering from that complaint. Let us do all we can to ensure the construction of this much-needed railway; afterwards we can set about considering how we can share in the new field for trade opened up by the road. It is quite certain that if there is traffic to warrant the daily service between Victoria and the Mainland terminus of the V., V. & E. that service will be inaugurated. If there is no prospect of that traffic, the fault will not be Mr. Hill's. Mr. Hill is in the railroad business for business, and not for sentimental considerations of any sort whatever.

The serious part of the business is that such action as that taken by the board of trade tends to increase the difficulties which Mr. Hill is sure to encounter at Ottawa. This spirit of parochialism is responsible for retarding the development of the province more than anything else. Each city and town in British Columbia seems unable to view any public question except from the standpoint of its own little interests. Unless those interests are to be directly and immediately benefited there is no enthusiasm; more often there is a tendency to "knock." The fact that the cities depend upon the development of the country behind them for their own growth is overlooked, and any proposal that appears especially to favor one city is viewed with suspicion and dislike by the other cities not so favorably situated. In British Columbia we lack provincial sentiment and patriotism.

HOW TO WIN.

In the realm of athletic sports the quality most valuable for a competitor is "heart." A man may be a splendid runner; he may possess a perfect muscular development, and the correct build for speed; but if he lacks heart it is more than probable that he will be beaten in the race, and that the prize will go to a man with fewer natural advantages, but one who has the staying power—or the will to win. This is true also in the more serious competitions of life. Success does not always come to the most brilliant people or to those who have the best start in life; success comes to those who have "heart"—to those who possess confidence and hope. The man who grumbles at his lack of what in his ignorance he calls "luck"; who is suspicious of his neighbor; who whines about "bad times," and wastes his energy in worry, can never do any good for himself or the community in which he lives. Every hopeful, confident citizen is a valuable asset to his city. His confidence breeds confidence in others; his faith inspires others with faith. But the habitual grumbler and "knocker" is a nuisance and a menace to any community, and those who listen to him are bound to suffer. Despondent people who talk failure should be avoided just as carefully as those who are afflicted with infectious disease, for despondency is even more catching than fever.

The way to win out is to be cheerful and hopeful, and these qualities are quite as easily cultivated as is the spirit of pessimism.

THE LADIES ATTACKED.

In Winnipeg last Sunday the Rev. C. W. Gordon, popularly known as Ralph Connor, author of semi-religious story books, went after the ladies of the prairie city. The subject of the sermon was the "Perils of Our City," and according to Mr. Gordon one of the chief perils is the worldliness of the ladies of society. He accused the ladies of over-indulgence in the vanities of this world, and declared that the pursuit of wealth had weakened the morals of the city. "People are sick of sermons to the young men," he said, "it is the women who need the homily."

It is a popular pastime for some preachers and novelists to "roast" society. Marie Corelli, Hall Caine and a number of others of the second-rate but favorite writers of the day do it with great energy. It appeals to the mob, and helps to bring in the dollars; but it is becoming rather stale. Everybody knows that there are light, frivolous women in society as well as out of it. Wealth, position and luxury always have possessed a greater fascination for women than for men; it is natural for them to hanker after the beautiful and expensive things of the world. At the same time the vast majority of women possess good qualities that more than compensate for the little weaknesses of the charming sex. And what is the use of making the most of their faults? If these parsons and other people would practice more extensively the greatest of all virtues—charity—the world would wag along much more cheerfully. Moreover, it is a fact that women conform fairly closely to the standard set for them by men and by popular repute. If they are always being told that they are a bad lot, they are quite likely to see that report does not lie. If you tell a woman sufficiently often that she is an angel—and many of them are angels—she is quite likely to believe you and live up to the angelic standard. If it is true that the ladies of Winnipeg are not so good as they should be, it is long odds in favor of the fault being with the husbands and fathers.

It is comparatively easy to damn a woman by calling her a bad name. And this hateful habit of speaking lightly of women is particularly prevalent among the men of the Canadian West. If women are not respected, they seldom deserve respect. This is a subject that the preachers might well discourse upon, instead of making matters worse by giving to ill-report the authority of the pulpit.

A LIMITED VISION.

The editor of the Greenwood Times does not understand that a weekly paper, published in the capital of the province, can have any "reasonable excuse for existence" unless it is a "society paper." Where have some of these newspaper men been educated? Without weekly papers and monthly magazines the public would have to be content with "local" newspapers—interesting and valuable in their way, but certainly not entitled to sole possession of the field of periodical literature. Which reminds us that one of the various missions of The Week is to endeavor to stimulate people's interest in the province generally. There is too much of parochialism in the country. The Boundary man knows little and cares less about the Okanagan. Many Victorians believe British Columbia is existing—and should exist—only for the benefit of Victorians. Vancouver people regard the development of the Similkameen only as a means of increasing the trade of the city. The Crow's Nest country hardly is on terms of nodding acquaintanceship with the Cariboo, while some settlers in the Fraser valley have a vague idea that Atlin is in the Yukon Territory. We lack bread, provincial sentiment in British Columbia, and this is one of the things that retard our progress. A provincial paper, such as The Week, has plenty of "excuse for existence," in addition to that of furnishing a medium for British Columbia writers. Another "excuse" is the fact that the circulation of the paper has nearly doubled itself since December last, which is satisfactory evidence that it is appreciated by the public.

THE RICH MAN'S TABLE.

"The statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for the ten months ending with April shows the revenue to be $57,180,511, about half a million dollars' increase over the corresponding ten months of last year. The expenditure was $42,837,907, showing an increase of $6,535,594 over last year. The capital expenditure was $9,100,000, an increase of one million and a half over last year. At present there is a surplus of about seven millions. At the close of the financial year there will likely be a surplus very little short of last year's."

That is a copy of the statement flashed to the press from Ottawa. In British Columbia we have no spare cash and the country is shouting for railways, roads and trails, while the Dominion government continues to expend a large share of the revenue derived from British Columbia in public works in the populous and wealthy east. When the Liberal government can spare a few minutes rest from its policy of wet nursing Eastern constituencies with our money, it might spare a few crumbs from its overloaded table, for much-needed works in British Columbia.

IN THE SUNSHINE.

We never open a truly Liberal newspaper without envying its proprietor that beautiful column-long advertisement, which has been running for a year or two, and is entitled "Synopsis of Regulations for Disposal of Minerals on Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory."

But the sunny smile is not for us; nor the "sunny ways" either.

WARNING FOR GIRLS.

The Travellers' Aid Association, of Portland, are issuing warnings to girls and young women who may go to the Oregon city in search of employment. Before leaving home, inquiries should be made through the association as to the genuineness of any offers of employment received by young women. The warning is timely and should be heeded. We understand that very little bona fide employment will be available for outsiders at the Lewis and Clarke exposition.

VARIOUS VIEWS.

A "SCRAP" IN SIGHT.

There should be an interesting time in the East when Vice-President Morse, of the G. T. P., and Senator Templeman meet.—Nelson News.

WHY HE ACCEPTED.

With food so high, the Hon. Frank Oliver has decided that he will be able to minister to his interior much better on a salary of $8,000.—Montreal Star.

THE COLONEL PROSPEROUS.

The Ledge office moved last week into a building in which the walls are two feet thick, and the mice never break in and steal. More anon.—Fernie Ledge.

NEXT TO THE CASH.

The Gazette started moving upstairs last week immediately after the paper was out, and carpenters are busy downstairs this week in the Gazette block getting the Bank of B. N. A.'s quarters in shape. Meanwhile the bank is occupying Mr. Boeing's building next door.—Hedley City Gazette.

THE MOUNTAIN MOVED.

The separate school question in the prairie provinces has not been without its effect, and one that is disastrous to the Liberal cause. The provincial constituency of Mountain, in Manitoba, Hon. Thos. Greenway's old seat, has gone Conservative by 175 majority. It was formerly Liberal by 400.—Slocan Drill.

THEY WERE "RUN IN."

"Big Bill" Galliher, Kootenay's only representative at Ottawa, took a jaunt down to New York last week with a couple of friends. Bill's advent in Gotham caused quite a stir—in fact, transportation was held up. So great was the sensation caused by the trio of handsome Canucks, that a detail of cops had to be summoned to prevent them being overcome by the marked attentions of the Gothamites. Laurier has no business to allow his followers to wander away from home into a foreign country without proper safeguards.—Slocan Drill.

REWARD OF VIRTUE.

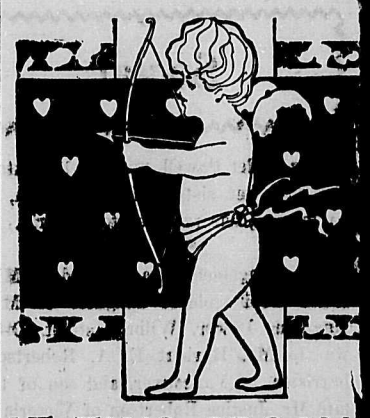
Frank Oliver was once a poor editor, and now look where he is in this broad Dominion. Frank has climbed from the ink barrel to a seat near the sack in Ottawa by being honest. He would use language occasionally that is considered profane, but as far as we can learn he never stole anything except a little sleep, and a few ideas from other papers. We like to see an honest man get a show in Canada even if he is a Grit, and we expect Frank will make them all sit up in Ottawa.—Fernie Ledge.

MARGARET IS POPULAR.

The following is the standing of the British Columbia candidates in the voting contest for the Spokesman-Review's free trip to the Portland fair:

Margaret L. Eyre, Grand Forks ..	991
Christina McMillan, Greenwood ..	268
Lieta Wallace, Phoenix	20
Carrie McKay, Nelson	214
Clara M. Manhart, Nelson	213
Constance Adams, Rossland.....	302
Selma Demuth, Rossland	203
Edna G. Collins, Rossland	22
Florence Sharp, Trail	119
Lillian Tannhauser, Cranbrook ..	22
Flora McDonald	163

—Grand Forks Sun.



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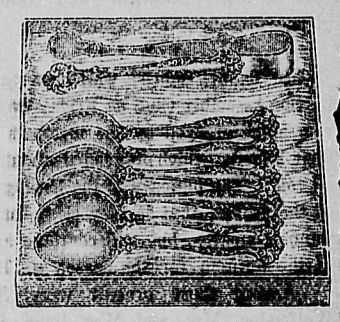

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reservation covering Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 30th January, 1905, has been cancelled, and that Crown lands thereon will be open to sale, pre-emption and other disposition under the provisions of the Land Act, on and after the 21st July next.

W. S. GORE.

Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 20th April, 1905.

NOTICE.

TENDERS FOR TIMBER LIMITS.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, 31st May, 1905, from any person who may desire to obtain a lease, under the provisions of section 42 of the "Land Act," for the purpose of cutting timber therefrom, of a timber limit situated on Vancouver Island, known as Lots 290, 291, 292, Clayoquot District, containing in the aggregate 1,08[illegible] acres.

The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the limits for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, made payable to the undersigned, to cover the amount of the first year's rental ($227.25), and the amount of bonus tendered, and also a certified cheque for $1,169.40, being the cost of cruising and surveying the limits. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE,

Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Lands and Works Department,

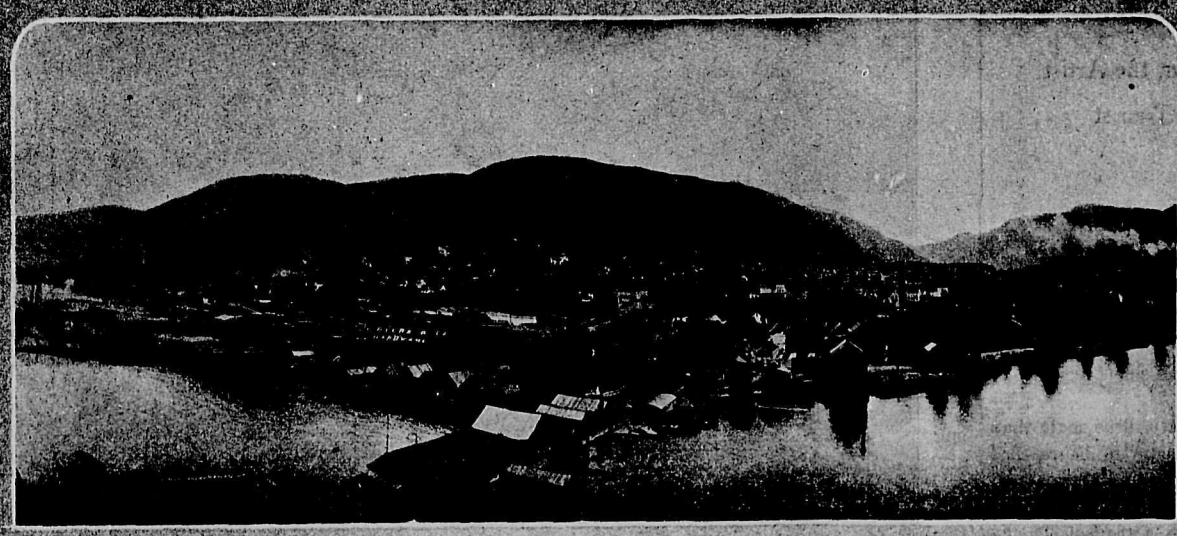
Victoria, B. C., 4th May, 1905.

NOT A POLITICAL MATTER.

The meeting held at Nelson to protest against the recent importation of Chinese and Japanese labor for the Salmo shingle mill, bore the earmarks of a political scheme. Public sentiment is undoubtedly against such importations, but dragging in politics will not benefit the white laborer to any extent.—Phoenix Pioneer.

SPRING FEVER.

Gold is pouring into Lillooet, and we think nothing of it. We would rather listen to the birds singing in the scented blossoms of peach and cherry, or watch the green chasing the snow up the distant slopes.—Lillooet Prospector.



Kootenay's Metropolis.

Nelson---City of the Lake.

Picturesque and Prosperous—Eldorado of Miners and Elysium of Sportsmen.

By Percy F. Godenrath. Travelling Correspondent for The Week

The straying away of a fractious pack pony belonging to two adventurous prospectors—Hall and Osner—and the accidental discovery of some rich copper float on the bleak heights of Toad mountain, while in search of the missing steed were the untoward happenings of a certain autumn day back in 1886, which subsequently led to the founding of the present metropolis of the Kootenays—the city of Nelson. Commandingly situated on the sparsely timbered rock-ribbed slope of the mountain side overlooking the placid waters of the west arm of Kootenay lake, there was laid out by the provincial government three years after the incident mentioned, a townsite which to-day proudly lays claim to being the fourth city of the province, in point of population and commercial supremity.

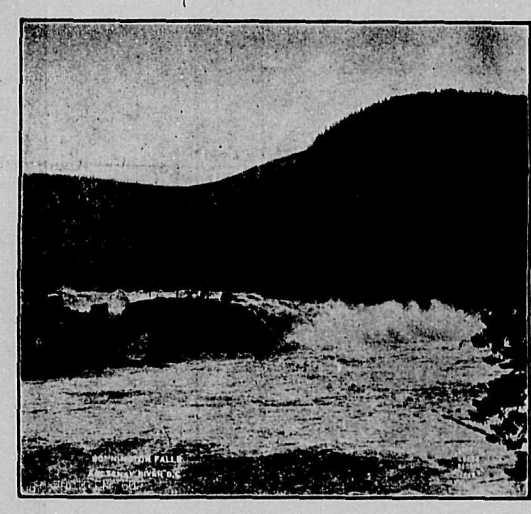
During the strenuous times of the boom at Rossland, Nelson sprang into greater prominence, and the years 1896-7 witnessed an era of building. Block after block of stone and brick arose as if by magic; streets were cut through solid rock formations, canyons bridged and walks laid. It was a period of feverish activity with prices of urban property soaring skyward, justified perhaps by the optimism of the times—for money was plentiful and population mounting at a gratifying rate. The year 1897 saw the incorporation of the place with the present Mayor, John Houston, M. L. A., as incumbent of the chief magistracy. Keeping pace with modern ideas, the city acquired and extended such public utilities as light, water and sewerage systems as the growth of the town needed, and recently took over the electric street railway plant. The inevitable collapse of the mining boom hit Nelson as it did all other places in the Kootenays, and for a time "quietness" was the order of the day; prices shrank, money was scarce and the population dwindled. But Nelson's citizens did not loose courage; with a commendable "stick-to-itiveness" they went about to remedy the mistakes of the past, and came out of the struggle stronger than ever. For in Nelson there are centered now a dozen branches of the big wholesale houses of Winnipeg and the coast, having special distributing rates to all parts of Southern British Columbia; and four of the principal chartered banks of Canada. At the last census the population was 5,549—exclusive of the suburbs—and it is steadily growing.

Nelson is the headquarters of the district for the provincial government; is the judicial centre for the Kootenay district, and has a resident judge of the County court. It has seven houses of worship, two hospitals, a public library, a large convent school, private schools and both public and high school buildings, all of which provide excellent religious, philanthropic and educational advantages. Its many fine business blocks and government buildings, numerous substantial hotels, charming residences and its wholesale business district, stretching along the waterfront, convenient to both railways and steamers, combine to lend an air of solidity and permanency that bodes well for the future.

Many local industries swell the substantial pay rolls of the mines, smelter and transportation companies, including a cigar factory, brewery, marble works, wire factory, gas and tramway works, lumber mill and shipyards.

Elsewhere in this issue, Mr. E. K. Beeston has set forth Nelson's claims for recognition by the tourist-sportsman, and the lover of aquatics and other athletic pastimes will also here find every requirement, be he intent on tennis, baseball, lacrosse, cricket, boating or yachting. The Nelson Boat Club last year completed, at a cost of $5,000, its new boat house, which is the favorite rendezvous on the waters opposite the city, where the lake permits a course of five miles for the oarsmen.

Baker Street, Nelson



Bonnington Falls, Kootenay River

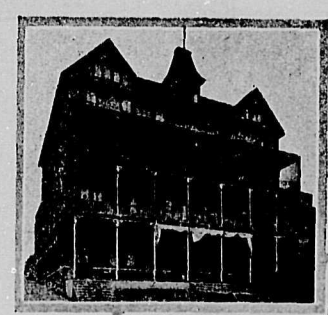
Mining and Swelting.

Being the centre of the Kootenays many of the principal mining companies have their offices in and conduct their operations from Nelson. The big smelter plant of the Hall Mines, Ltd., is also the chief producer of lead in the province, the supply being principally drawn from the "Silvery Slocan." In the immediate vicinity are two stamp mills, and a third is to be built before snow flies, these are respectively the Juno, Reliance and Molly Gibson. Scores of partially developed mines and prospects are being opened up, and mining operations give promise this year of a greater increase than ever.

Nelson of to-day then can be summed up as a city enjoying all the conveniences of a modern metropolis; adequately supplied with railway and steamship facilities—including the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern systems, which tap a vast region directly tributary to the city of gradually developing mines and forests; presenting unparalled potentialities to the capitalist, the farmer and the artisan as well as being a veritable Engadine to the tourist, artist and sportsman.

Fruit Growing Possibilities.

Long known for its output of mineral and lumber—for years its main standbys—Nelson and the district is also gaining an enviable reputation for its fruit growing possibilties, an industry, which, though only as yet in its infancy bids fair to become a substantial one. Numerous orchards are found along the sunny slopes and shores of Kootenay lake and tributary streams, and apples, pears, cherries, plums, peaches, grapes and all kinds of small fruits thrive exceedingly well. In the heart of an enormously rich mining country, with camps and growing towns in every direction, reached in a day's travel, a home market is already established that for years to come will take more than can be raised. Nelson has in its Agricultural Society; its Farmers' Institute; its Fruit Growers' Association, enthusiastic workers, seeking to improve conditions, to make known to the world the fact that lands here are suitable for fruit culture and mixed farming.



Hotel Strathcona

Hotel Hume—Two of Nelson's Principal Hotels

James Johnstone, a practical horticulturist of many years' standing, president of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association, and president of the Nelson Agricultural and Industrial Association has this to say regarding the new industry:

"Fruit growing in the Kootenays is in its infancy. . . . Within the past two years, however, we have shown that we can produce as fine apples here as in any part of Ontario or in the northern States. Peaches are also grown to perfection, and I feel quite confident in asserting that the quality of the small fruit produced, such as raspberries, currants, gooseberries, strawberries and black currants, is superior to any produced elsewhere on this continent; in fact, the Southern States, such as Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia, will not compare with this section in the production of these fruits. The quality and size here are far superior and the yield per acre is at least double that of anything I ever saw or succeeded in producing during a ten years' residence in those states. One average gooseberry bush in my garden bears finer fruit and as much of it as six of my best bushes did in West Virginia, and my West Virginia garden excelled in the production of gooseberries for that country. I find that I can grow such vegetables as sweet corn and tomatoes just as well as I could in Virginia. We can grow potatoes to perfection, and the 'Champion of England' and 'Ne plus Ultra' peas reach a height of eight feet in my garden. I have not found irrigation necessary, and this adds much to the superior quality of all our fruit.

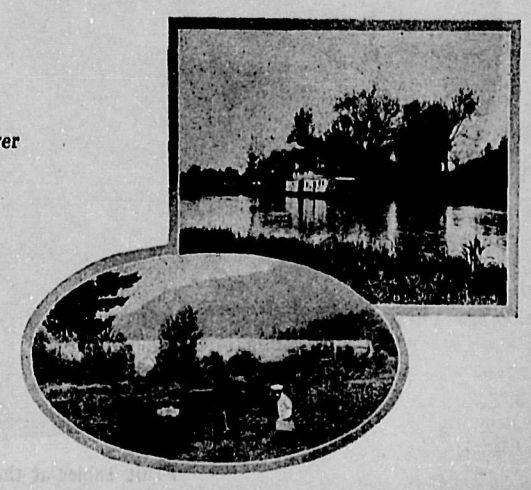
"From a commercial standpoint, the Kootenay lake fruitgrower has a great natural advantage. The prosperous mining towns in his midst give him a good local market, and this is the nearest fruit district to the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, where the finest grain is produced, but where fruit cannot be grown to advantage. The transportation companies are willing to assist the fruitgrowers' association at all times to place their produce in the consumers' hands in the best possible condition. The fruitgrower will find here an ideal home. The climate, is perfect, the soil is a rich sandy loam, with a clay sub-soil, and is very productive. He will be surrounded by beautiful scenery, and the shooting and fishing is the best to be had anywhere in the interior. I have no land to sell or other axe to grind, but simply state facts as I have found them. During my professional career as a railway construction engineer, and mine manager, I have had occasion to live in many sections of this continent, and have traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Florida to the Far North. Whether I have been in Europe or America I have always had my garden, and fruit-growing has been my hobby, but nowhere in my experience have I had such splendid results as in my garden and orchard on Kootenay lake, directly opposite Nelson."

Location and Prices.

Fruit lands adjacent to the city are located along the shores of Kootenay lake, Kootenay river and Slocan river, and also at Crawford bay, an arm of Kootenay lake, opposite Procter. A large tract of fruit, arable and pastoral land is also at the foot of Kootenay lake, in the Creston district. At Fire valley, on the Arrow lakes is a prosperous settlement of ranchers owning several thousand acres. There is now a movement on foot to have the homesteads subdivided into 20 and 40 acre blocks, as the soil is highly desirable for fruit culture. Prices of fruit lands not cleared vary from $10 to $30 per acre, according to location and quality of soil. Cultivated land is worth from $75 to $150 per acre in small holdings. Wild lands can be purchased in large blocks, some of which is heavily timbered, at prices ranging from $6 to $8.

The first annual meeting of the Westminster Trust & Safety Deposit Company, Ltd., was held last week in the offices of Messrs. F. J. Hart & Co., Ltd., New Westminster, and the report for the year ending April 10th last, showed very satisfactory results. At a subsequent meeting of the directors it was decided to declare a ten per cent. dividend for last year, the balance of the profits of 1904 to be used as a nucleus for a reserve fund. The company's operations to date have been principally the renting of the safety deposit boxes, but it has now been decided to operate also as a mortgage and trust company, these powers being given under the company's charter. The following directors were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: President, T. J. Trapp; vice-president, L. A. Lewis; manager, F. J. Hart; treasurer, Edward Chapman; secretary, R. K. Chapman; H. Ryall and R. L. Webber.

Views of Kootenay River



"Glorious Kootenay"

An Unrivalled Field for the Tourist-Sportsman, the Artist and the Valetudinarian—Written for the Tourist Association of Kootenay by E. K. Beeston.

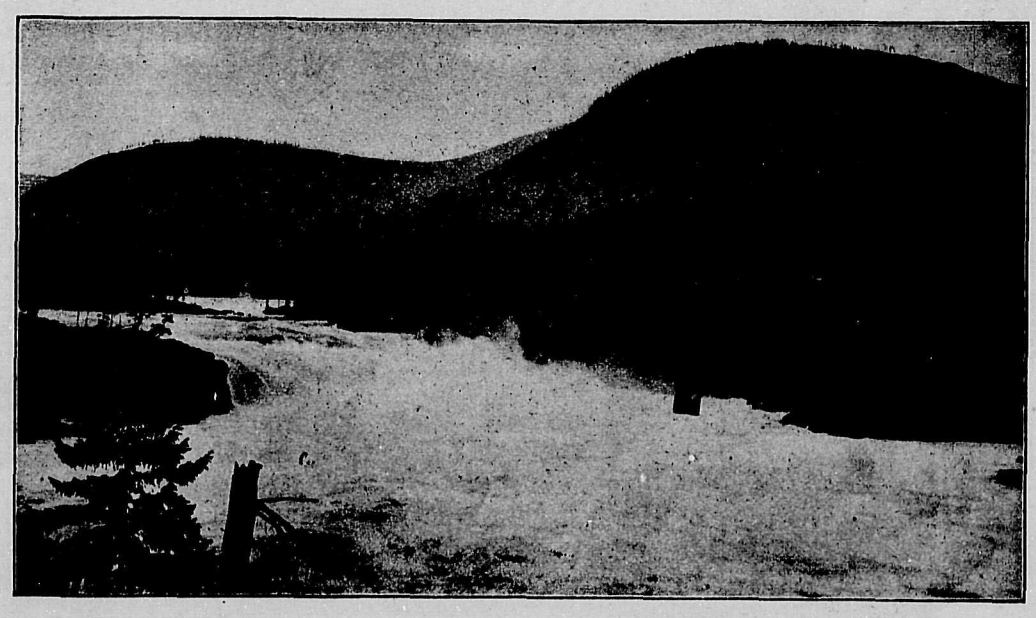
How little is known of this great country, with its magnificent mountain ranges, its peaceful valleys, rapid rivers and placid lakes, with its variety of sport, its unrivalled accommodation for travellers and hunters, its vast mineral resources, and its wealth of beautiful scenery and invigorating climate!

Lying in the centre of the "Sea of Mountains" of British Columbia, Kootenay may be briefly described as the district watered by the streams that fall into the Columbia and Kootenay rivers. Rising in the western foothills of the Rocky mountains these rivers pass one another in the northeastern part of the district—the Columbia on its journey northward and the Kootenay southward bound, only after their long wanderings to meet again in the southwestern part of the district, where, joining together at the foot of Arrow lake, their mingled waters flow onward for a thousand miles until at last they fall into the Pacific ocean. The Columbia, having gone some 200 miles to the north, has cleft its way through the mountains and changed to a southern course, while the Kootenay, which passed by it, has flowed through the states of Montana and Idaho, diverting again northward to join its sister stream. These important rivers with their tributaries almost encircle the district of Kootenay.

But a few short years ago this vast region was almost unknown, except to the hunter, the trapper and the Indian. Exploration was difficult and though the excitement of placer mining in British Columbia attracted some passing attention in the early sixties, it was not until the completion of the great highways of travel—the transcontinental railroads—that its wealth and beauty began even partially to be known and easily accessible.

Nelson, its chief city, little more than a decade ago was only to be reached from the Canadian Pacific Railway from Revelstoke, on the Columbia river, at the crossing of the Canadian Pacific Railway. A wearisome journey by small steamer along the Arrow lakes, which may be more fully described as the widened Columbia river, brought one to the mouth of the Kootenay river, whence on foot, or, if he were fortunate enough, on the back of a cayuse, he travelled over the 30 miles along its rough bank. That rushing stream, with foam-covered torrents dashing over precipitous rocks, its whirlpools and clouds of spray; its pools suggestive of trout, was grand and beautiful then, as for millions of ages it has been, but to the wearied traveller it offered few attractions, and he was only too eager to reach his goal and start in the race for wealth, that here as everywhere induces men to go into a new and unexplored country. His plank bed, his coarse food, his hotel accommodation, often the "wide canopy of heaven," had not given him the desire to linger and enjoy the scenery, nor was he tempted to stop, even for the sake of sport, except as a chance to obtain a delicious change from the limited bill of fare of bacon and beans.

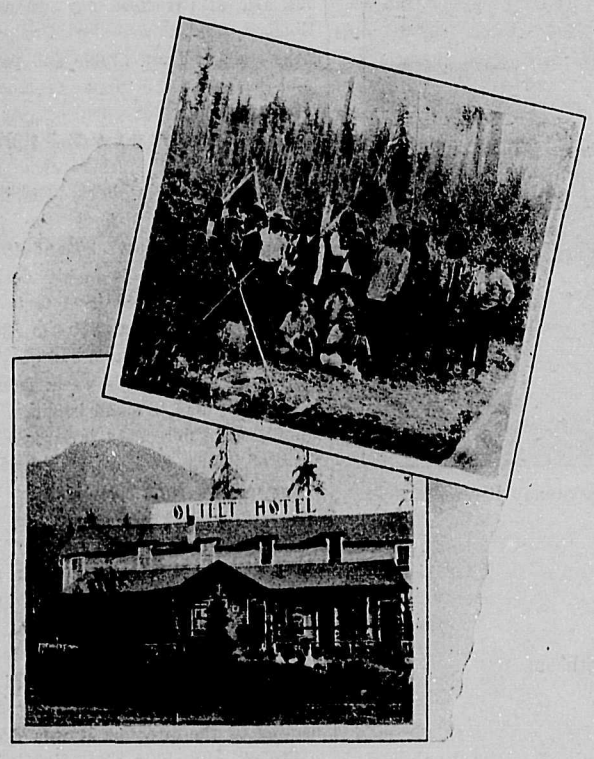
From the south the only way formerly to reach the Nelson country was from



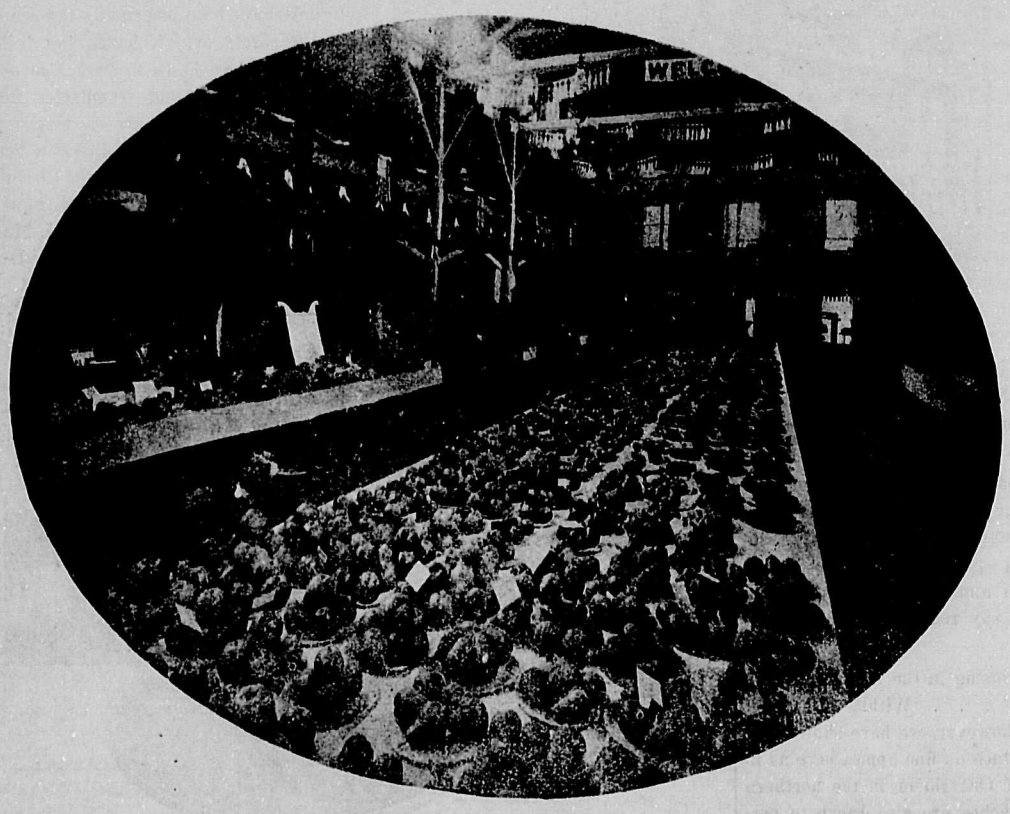
KOOTENAY FALLS—Below Nelson

First Fruit Orchard Planted on Kootenay Lake—Near Nelson

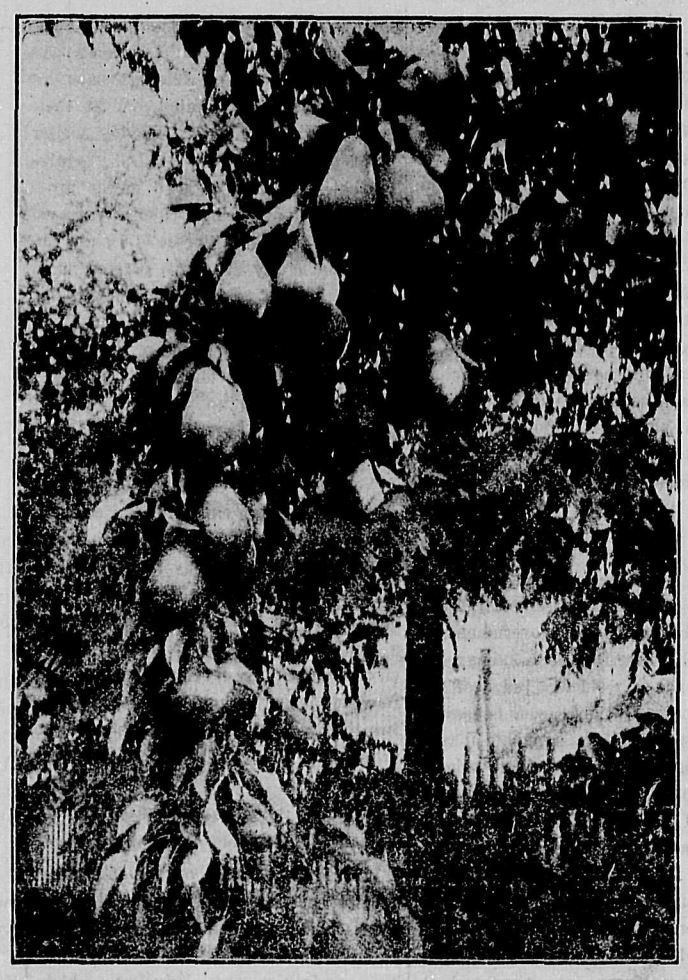
Grapes Grown at Nelson, B.C.



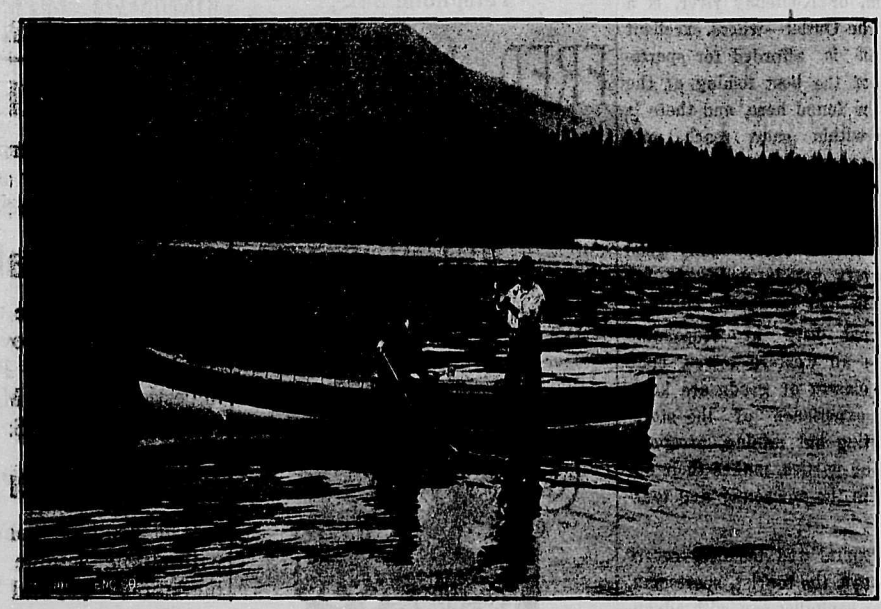
A Group of Indians and a Popular Fishing Resort



Fruit Tables at the Nelson Fair, 1904



Flemish Beauty Pears—Grown at Nelson by J. Laing Stocks



Trout Fishing, Kootenay Lake

Spokane to Northport or Bonner's Ferry. There was a small steamer plying on Kootenay lake, which brought one again to the mouth of the Kootenay river, whence one travelled as already described on horseback or on foot, as means or opportunity afforded.

of silver sands. What a marvellous picture of sweet serenity!

The hunter, if he wanders back amongst these same forests and hills, may find reward for his toil in the deer and mountain goat and bear that are here to be found.

one from Kaslo, running across the centre of the district and passing the well known mining towns of Sandon and New Denver, goes to Nakusp, on the Arrow lakes, already mentioned. Another from Lardo, at the head of Kootenay lake, goes into the Trout lake country, a mining division that is now attracting much attention. Slocan lake and the towns of Slocan City, New Denver, and Sandon, can also be reached by a branch line of the C. P. R., running from Slocan Junction to the foot of the lake.

Throughout the whole of this large district, the paradise of the fisherman, the sportsman, the hunter of big game, the artist and the tourist in search of beautiful scenery and refreshing climate, will be found hospitality and comfort. It is a wild and rugged region and little hunted except near the towns and mining camps. The man who has time and muscle at his command can find large game of every kind in season. The enthusiastic fisherman can get in every running brook and mountain-hemmed lake, sport that can nowhere be sur-

Kootenay Indians—View of Kootenay Lake

BIG GAME OF THE KOOTENAYS.

Easily Reached.

Now the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern Railways both bring their passengers to all parts of the Kootenay. The traveller from the East comes by the Canadian Pacific Railway to Dunmore Junction, near the crossing of the South Saskatchewan river, and then journeys over the Crow's Nest branch of the same company's railway, as far as Kootenay Landing. From this point the company has a line of magnificently equipped steamers, which run along Kootenay lake and down the Kootenay river to Nelson—a charming and delightful break in the monotony of a long railway journey.

Coming from the long stretches of the 'illimitable boundless prairie' the tourist finds relief in the contemplation of the varied scenery of the foothills of the Rockies, and the grand but easy passes through the mountains. Glimpses of mountain streams and forest glades give to the sportsman enjoyable contemplation of sport with fish and beast and bird.

Revelstoke is the point of departure from the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the traveller from the coast, who intends to visit the Kootenays. Here the palatial steamers of the railroad company are joined for the trip down the Columbia river to Robson. What can be imagined as wanting in wonder, in beauty and in personal comfort on this romantic journey through the Swiss-like scenery of the Arrow lakes? On either side of the lake are snow-capped mountains with forests of pine and fir and spruce reaching down to the water's edge, with here and there a cascade flashing amidst the dark green surroundings, grey precipices and shores

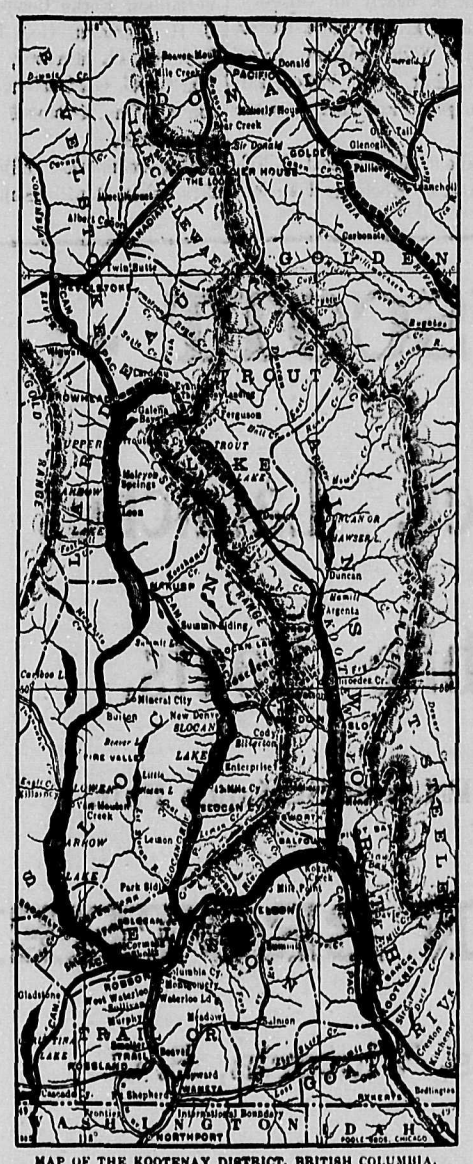
Many are the charming spots at which one is tempted to stop but the boat makes only brief calls. Among these are the celebrated Hot Springs of Halcyon and St. Leon, the waters of which are now so extensively known for their curative properties.

Nakusp, where connection is made with a branch line leading to the Slocan mining district and other points, is also passed, and Robson is reached after some 10 hours' journey from Revelstoke, and here the traveller again boards the train, and in the course of an hour has arrived at the city of Nelson, the capital and commercial centre of Kootenay.

Coming from the south, a journey of some 10 hours from Spokane, by the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway, a branch of the Great Northern system, brings one also to Nelson. At Spokane are the main lines of both the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway companies, and easy are the means of communication with all parts of the world.

A Convenient Centre.

From Nelson all points in the Kootenays may be reached with ease and comfort, and all the principal mining centres and places of interest are connected with it by railways and steamboats. Running westward is a line of railroad, a branch of the Canadian Pacific, which reaches as far as the now famous Boundary country, passing on the way such important mining towns as Trail, with its large smelter; Rossland, with the celebrated Le Roi mines; Grand Forks, Greenwood and many other busy and moving mining camps. A steamboat service connects Nelson with Kootenay lake, and here, too, are to be found two branches of railroad,



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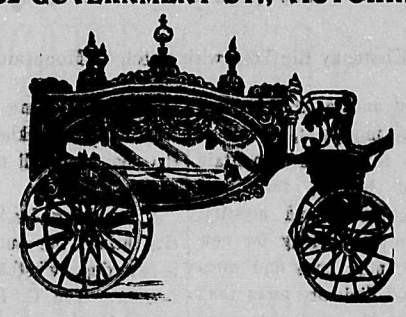

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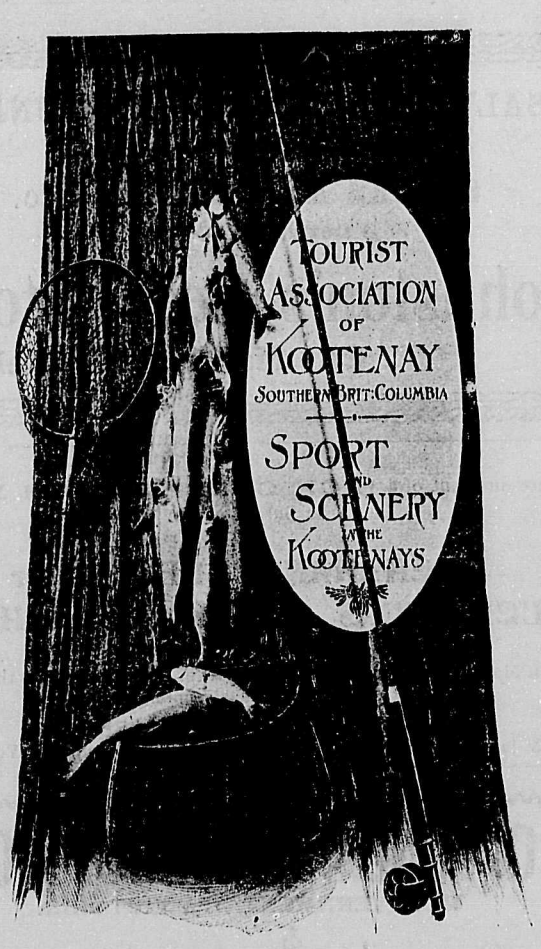

A Kootenay Big Tree, with Catch of Mountain Trout.

passed. The artist and lover of scenery can see amidst the mighty upheavals of Nature that have formed the mountain ranges, charms of beauty, form and color that will entrance and mystify. The mountain climber, looking for new peaks to conquer, may here find them innumerable and of difficulty more than sufficient to satisfy the most adventurous.

Vast Natural Resources.

Not all, however, is left to "Nature undefiled." The practical man will not fail to observe in such scenes as that depicted above, which occur throughout the Kootenay, evidences of its natural wealth and large resources. The contemplative traveller will see in the untouched waterfall, the vast stored-up energy that may yet be turned to "power." He will discern in the silver-lead mines of the Slocan and Lardeau, the copper and gold properties of the Rossland, Boundary and other mines; the smelters at Trail, Nelson, Greenwood and Grand Forks; the iron properties at Kitchener, the vast coal deposits and coke ovens of the Crow's Nest country, the forests as yet but skimmed, and the fertile valleys awaiting settlement, evidences of vast natural resources that require only time and capital to develop them and render this one of the wealthiest as it is one of the most beautiful countries in the world.

Shooting and Fishing.

It is impossible to say too much in favor of the fishing near Nelson, which extends for 20 miles east and west on the Kootenay river, and the numerous smaller tributary streams. The rainbow trout in the Kootenay river are not to be surpassed in game qualities, and fishing with delicate tackle and small flies gives the sportsman all the excitement he requires.

A few hours by boat or rail from the city brings the hunter to the game he is wanting, whether big game, fur or feather. The C. P. R. runs a houseboat which can be chartered by visitors desiring an excursion on the lake.

The game to be had in the Kootenays is varied and abundant. Every sportsman has, of course, his own favorite gun, ammunition, rod and tackle, but should he not have these with him, he will find little trouble in supplying his requirements in the stores of Nelson and other points. Nor will he have difficulty in coming across a brother Nimrod or Izaak Walton, who will advise him the best place to choose for his sport, and the best way to arm himself for it or the best fly to use.

The secretary of Tourist Association will, however, give more detailed information to any desiring it beforehand and gladly answer all communications addressed to him. The principal varieties of game are: Bear—black, brown, cinnamon and grizzly; wolves; deer—caribou, black tail, white tail, elk Wapiti); mountain goat and mountain sheep. Small game—beaver, ermine, fisher, martin, mink, lynx, hare. Game birds—geese and duck of nearly all varieties; blue grouse, willow grouse; snipe, plover, prairie chicken. Fish—rainbow trout, spreckled trout, char, land locked salmon, lunge, sturgeon and many other varieties.

At Procter, about 20 miles east of Nelson, at the outlet of Kootenay lake into the west arm, or Kootenay river, is a good hotel—The Outlet—where excellent accommodation is afforded for sportsmen. Some of the best fishing of the district is to be found here, and there is fine shooting within easy reach, and house boats, launches, rowboats and guides can be obtained.

Nelson is well supplied, as has been already stated, with exceptionally good stores and every article necessary for fishing, hunting and mountain climbing can be obtained here at reasonable prices. As in all western towns, none but the best classes of goods are kept, and the long experience of the storekeepers in fitting out mining, prospecting and hunting parties, makes their advice valuable to the newcomer and tourist.

Being the capital and business centre of the Kootenays, the tourist, sportsman, mining man or capitalist can with advantage make it his headquarters, and when desirable visit with ease and comfort the various adjacent towns of Rossland, Trail, Kaslo, Slocan City, Silverton, New Denver, Sandon, Ainsworth, Ymir, Salmo, Erie and other places.

CHARGES AGAINST MR. HUNTER.

Commission to Inquire Into Conduct of Government Agent at Princeton Adjourned Till June.

The special commission, appointed by the department of mines, to inquire into the conduct of Mr. Hugh Hunter, government agent at Princeton, sat in that town on the 4th inst., Mr. R. F. Tolmie presiding. Mr. Emil Voigt, the complainant, asked for an adjournment until late in June as he was not prepared to go on at present. He said he had serious charges to bring against Mr. Hunter, but his papers were in the hands of his attorney, and his witnesses were scattered "all over the province." He also stated that he had sent a number of telegrams to the Premier, the Lieut.-Governor, Mr. Duncan Ross, M. P., the Dominion government, and to Mr. Shatford. What the telegrams were about, he did not state. Mr. Athol Fraser testified that Mr. Hunter had neglected to collect the poll taxes. During three years he had never had to deduct this tax from the wages of his employees. Last year, Mr. Hunter had collected all the taxes due from him and his men.

A large number of witnesses testified in favor of Mr. Hunter. Mr. C. E. Thomas said he had resided ten years in Mr. Hunter's division, and had transacted considerable business with him, always finding him most attentive to business. Mr. Waterman, manager of the Vermillion Forks Company; Alex. Bell, C. H. Henning, Geo. Freeman, James Snowdon, G. Murdock, C. Summers, G. Wardle, G. Goldsborough, Claude Snowdon and Jas. Campbell testified in the same strain.

The commission adjourned to June 27th, when it will resume in Victoria.

SETTLEMENT IN BOUNDARY.

The platting of the McConnell estate, consisting of about 1,400 acres, into small tracts, bears about the same relative importance to the future prosperity of the city as the erection of another six-furnace smelter would. Seven hundred acres are to be surveyed at once into ten and twenty acre blocks, and the promoters promise to have these lots settled by families from Eastern Canada and Manitoba before winter set in. Making a conservative estimate, this will mean an addition of about fifty families to the valley. Allowing six persons to each household—and this is a low figure—we have 300 people, about the number required to operate a six-furnace smelter.—Grand Fork Sun.

Mr. W. I. Briggs, a young lawyer of New Westminster, has decided to take up the practice of law in Revelstoke, and has entered into partnership with Mr. J. M. Scott.

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Sport

ony Vassur, a Seattle boxer, has llenged Bert Clark, of Victoria, for atch at catch weights in Victoria or naimo. Wm. Shepherd, of Lady-, offers to box any man in British mbia at 140 pounds, for a side bet 250.

t Oak Bay on Tuesday the Everett defeated the newly formed profes- al baseball team of Victoria by 5 to 1, the damage being done in the innings. It was an excellent game left no doubt in the minds of the tators that the Victoria bunch is th backing. On Wednesday the e team turned the tables on the rett men, winning with a score of uns to the visitors' 12.

t the Victoria Cricket Club's grounds Saturday last, the club's eleven de- ed the garrison by one wicket and runs in a single innings game. For garrison, Sergt. Sergeant made 25 Mr. Yates 14, while Mr. Barnacle ed 73 for the club, more runs than entire score of the garrison. Mr. zies made 40.

e senior lacrosse game between Vic- a and Seattle, which was to have n played to-day, has been postponed ng to the unwillingness of the Seat- men to come over. This is a great ppointment to the local players, who ected to get some much needed prac- out of this meeting. There are to several new men in the local team. don and Munro, who hail from Win- g; and Haigh and Stewart from Na- mo. Stanley Peele is uncertain ether he willpl ay this year. The old lwart, Charlie Cullin, is quite sure t he will not play again, as also is war. The quality of the team there- e is doubtful until they come out into field and work.

The return football match between the mloops Wanderers and the Revel- ke club took place at Kamloops in the xandra park grounds before a large wd of spectators. Kamloops won the , and elected to play with the ong wind that was blowing. Mayor vens started the ball in motion for velstoke, but it was not long before mloops began to press, and aided by strong wind kept the ball in the velstoke half nearly the whole of the t part of the game, but were unable score, and the interval arrived with score a blank. The second half was ch more evenly contested, the wind ving fallen the ball was kept moving ckly from one end of the field to the er until about ten minutes before e, when the Revelstoke forwards de a smart run, beat the Kamloops cks and scored. The Kamloops boys ed hard to equalize, but the defence the Revelstoke backs was too strong them, and the game ended in favor Revelstoke by one goal to nil. This entitles them to the championship of Interior, and to enter the series of nes in the provincial league for the vincial championship.

The fight between Jimmy Britt and bez White, of England, in San Fran- co last Saturday night, appears to ve been one of the hardest fought bat- s in the ring for some time past. As ual the Englishman lost through in- ility to understand body blows, a thod of fighting not yet adopted to y great extent in the Old Country. ging from reports, White was the t boxer of the two, but failed to land itt hard enough in the right place. It ks as if Britt deliberately fouled in seventeenth round. He hit very low, l the crowd hooted, but no sane per- would suppose that an Englishman uld be likely to get a verdict of a foul m a referee in San Francisco. After t blow, all the steam seemed to go of the visitor, and he would have n badly punished in the last round t not the police stopped the fight. ite clearly has something to learn m the American boxers; if he learns he might beat the boastful Britt.

The first senior lacrosse match of the son—and since the rupture of diplo- ic relations two years ago—between w Westminster and Vancouver will played at Queen's Park, New West- ster, to-day. Mr. Quigley, of Van- couver, will referee. The meeting will be a most interesting one, and at this time it is quite impossible to estimate probable results.

New Westminster Columbian: Mr. Joseph Macqueen, of the Morning Oregonian, Portland, Ore., was in town to-day accompanied by Mrs. Macqueen. The representative of the Portland paper is an enthusiastic supporter of lacrosse, and while in the city he interviewed Mr. H. Ryall, secretary of the local team, to ascertain what prospects there are of having the New Westminster blue and red play in Portland during the Lewis and Clark fair there. As Manager Keary of the Dominion Exhibition, is still in Portland, no arrangements were made, since the mayor may have closed some lacrosse deal during his stay in Oregon.

THE WILD CAT COLUMN.

The Mother Lode claim at Poplar creek, belonging to Kaslo men, has been sold for $1,000 cash.

A 75-ton concentrator is to be built this summer at the Molly Gibson mine, on Kokanee creek, at a cost of $35,000. Manager Trethewey estimates that he has enough ore in sight to keep the mill running three years. During the winter 21 men have been developing and a new vein has been discovered and opened up, adding largely to the ore reserves. The cost on the ore when the mill is established will be reduced from $18 to $7.50 per ton. No ore can be shipped just now owing to snow at the upper end of the road.

Operations have been resumed at the Cork mine and mill, on the south fork of Kaslo creek, P. Maris, manager, having returned from France. Between 50 and 60 men are to be employed during the summer. The supply of water in the creek is ample for all purposes.

Systematic operations have commenced at the Stemwinder mine, Phoenix, after two years' partial lay-off. This property, now owned by the Montreal & Boston Consolidated, has the reputation of having the best ore in the low grade camp of the Boundary.

The Phoenix Pioneer places the output of the Boundary mines during April at 80,102. To this total the Granby contributed 49,634; the Mother Lode, 11,904, and the Brooklyn, 12,378. The output for previous months was as follows: January, 68,074; February, 72,671; March, 90,047. The March output is the greatest on record up to date.

It is believed in Boundary mining circles that the B. C. Copper Company will build a smelter in the near future at Midway, the probable starting point of the Great Northern railway into the Similkameen. The company is largely interested in properties on Copper Mountain, near Princeton.

"All winter sinking and drifting operations have been prosecuted on Pine above Discovery, on what is locally known as Tar Flats," says the Atlin Claim. "It is really a wonderful sight to see the ingenuity displayed by the miners in their different methods of working; especial mention may be made of the plant installed by Ed. Helgren, which in itself is well worthy of inspection; we feel sure that anyone visiting Tar Flats will be more than repaid by the sight of the most wonderful and efficient exhibit of local engineering skill. Last Tuesday water was turned on in the Brackett ditch and sluicing operations are already fairly under way; reports from those operating show that the outputs will be quite considerable. The two largest dumps are owned by Helgren & Co. and Van Volkenberg & Sons. Among those who have good dumps are the following: Ed. Helgren, Johnson, Marshall, Davies and Gilmore; Jack Hill, Oscar Wilson and John Smith; W. Netherby, M. Ross and A. Ross; W. Duncan, H. McCartney and D. McPherson; Wm. Brown, Ed. Robinson and Jim Smith; Van Volkenberg, three sons and Sibbald; Angus White and Bert Brethauer; Abbott Bros.; Stanley Stott and Peter Colligan; J. Stanley, J. Dick, R. P. McKay and M. McLeod; Alex. Morrison and Alex. Brown.

The Stage

This week's bill at the Redmond is one of the best that the Consolidated Amusement Company has presented to Victoria audiences. It contains no weak performance at all, and there are at least two exceptionally strong features. First place must be given to DeRosa and Graceta, two very clever and neat acrobats, whose feats are original and entertaining. Some of these are really marvellous and the little lady must be very much more muscular than she looks. The Burton bell ringers provide a very pleasing musical entertainment, Mr. Burton being a talented performer on the concertina, from which instrument he produces excellent music; and also the possessor of a fine voice. The Traceys provide a refined comedy sketch, and Kelly and Davies entertain with negro humor. Mr. Steele is singing "When the Harvest Moon is Shining on the River" this week, and the song is illustrated by some very pretty pictures. The biograph causes much amusement with a series entitled "Personal."

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The present week at the Savoy marks the close of the present system of entertainment at that house. Painters and decorators have been busy improving the interior, and next week the management will provide two entertainments each evening, at which the programme will be varied. Arrangements have been made to secure the best talent available for the house, and the Savoy management confidently expects to earn the biggest patronage of any vaudeville theatre in the city. Those who have not taken in the show this week will be well rewarded if they visit the Savoy to-night.

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The principal attraction of a generally attractive programme at the Grand this week is provided by the three Olivers, in a sensational performance on the wires. They do their work, which is very clever, in a very clean manner. Veronee and Houston are singers and dancers of the brightest description. Rand and Byron provide a very amusing comedy sketch, and Geo. W. Leslie proves to be an entertaining "minstrel man." The moving pictures illustrate life in Samoa and Fiji.

A find of free gold of no little importance was made on May 1st on Buttercup, about two miles from Eholt, near McPherson's old sawmill. The owners have been developing the Buttercup for the last two or three years with indifferent success till this week, when the find was made. In the bottom of a ten-foot shaft they have a five-foot ledge of decomposed quartz, of which about five inches is good pay matter. An assay gave $487 in gold, and the free gold could be seen clearly in the ore. A large number of mining men visited the claim this week from Greenwood and Phoenix, it being located close to the Rendell pre-emption.

THE WEDNESDAY "HALF."

Various comments have been heard on the taking of a half holiday by the business men on Wednesday afternoon, and some are inclined to censure the business men for closing the stores at that time. During the remainder of the week the stores are kept open till 7 o'clock, while most of the laboring men quit at 5 o'clock, thus making considerably longer hours for the business men. We do not believe anyone should begrudge them the half a day off, and after the practice is generally known very little or no inconvenience need be occasioned by it.—Armstrong Advance.

THE PROPER MEDIUM.

The Nelson Board of Trade is making a wise move in abandoning the old style of advertising by means of pamphlets, and following out the scheme adopted by other cities in using newspapers exclusively for drawing attention to the advantages of the city, both as a commercial point and a tourist resort. Wherever it has been tried the pamphlet has been discovered to be barren of satisfactory results, while on the other hand, newspaper advertising has accomplished all that was desired. The public take very little interest in a pamphlet, but will read well written articles in a newspaper.—Nelson Economist.

VICTORIA DAY CELEBRATION

VICTORIA, B. C.

MAY 24, 25, 26 AND 27.

Grand Military Parade and Sham Battle.
Lacrosse--Victoria vs. New Westminster.
International Baseball, Regatta.

Naval and Indian War Canoe Races, Four-oared Amateur Senior and Junior, B. C. Championship
The warships of the Pacific Squadron will be open to visitors.

Horse and Automobile Parade, Venetian Water Carnival and Firemen's Tournament.
Fireworks at Beacon Hill Park at 9 p. m.

REDUCED RATES FROM ALL POINTS.

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Week Commencing Monday, May 15.

A VAUDEVILLE SENSATION
Direct from Ricard's Australian Circuit

DUNBAR'S TROUPE OF EDUCATED GOATS

The Most Remarkable Animal Act ever Presented in conjunction with a Great Bill of **7 Acts**

Prices, 10c and 20c.

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Broad Street,
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O. Renz, Manager.

The oldest and most popular vaudeville resort in the city. The management aims at all times to furnish the largest, most finished, refined and up-to-date aggregation of imported vaudeville talent that pains and money can procure.

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Show starts at 8.30.
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WEEK OF MAY 15TH, 1905.

Buntz Brothers
Marvellous Equilibrists

Wiley, Ferris & Co.
Premier Acrobats and Foot Jugglers

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Comedy Acrobats and Contortionists

"The Great Ingoma"
The Laughing Kid.
Crazy Dancing and Chair Balancing

J. W. Wood
The Versatile Comedian

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ADMISSION: 15 Cts. and 25 Cts.

GRAND

DAILY 7:30 to 11:30.
General admission 10c.
MATINEES 10C. ALL OVER.

Management of
ROBERT JAMIESON
WEEK OF MAY 8.

BYRON & RAND
Comedy Acrobatic Singing and Talking Act

THE OLIVER TROUPE
Three People in Novelty, Up-to-Date Sensational Wire Walking

HENRY CLIVE
Australian Magician

GEO. W. LESLIE
The Minstrel Man.

FREDERIC ROBERTS
Illustrated Song.

New Moving Pictures.

20c. Res. Seats

Johnson Street.
GO WHERE THE CROWD GOES

Notes by "Babette"

On Fashions and Fancies of the Feminine World.

Dear Madge:—Since the reopening of the gay season we have had any amount of smart social functions. Weddings, dances, amateur theatricals, at homes, etc.; in fact, of late it has been one continual whirl of gaiety. The next event on the "tapis" is the annual 24th of May celebration, but what a pity it is we are not to have our usual water fete up the Gorge! After much discussion, many late sittings and meetings of the citizens, mayor and city fathers, it has been finally decided that the regatta shall be held in the harbor. Society seems upset at the announcement, for there will be no gay naval launches and no receptions at the pretty homes up the Gorge. Many smart frocks in consequence must postpone their "bow to the fashionable world" to some future date, for who wishes to wear a delicate fluffy summer toilette for the first time on a dusty bridge, or embankment? And if the wind be high, we will certainly have to sew lead weights in the hem of our skirts, if we want to be able to comfortably enjoy the regatta. And as for hats, they will literally have to be tied on with veils.

Speaking of veils reminds me of some very pretty new veiling that I bought at the Westside on my last shopping day. It is gauze veiling with fine crossbar thread and tiny chenille spots, with narrow woven border. Besides this style, the Westside have any amount of pretty black and white net and chiffon veiling, just in. A feature of special interest that I saw at the same store was the new chiffon ruffle. Those in the round boa style shaped with a dip behind are specially designed to meet the demands of the new sleeves, but the stole and pelerine are also in evidence. The aim of every woman is naturally to possess herself at once of one of these new entrancing neck ruffs, and I must say I was sorely tempted to invest, especially as they were selling so cheap. I see this store is advertising fancy Japanese crepe, the new wash fabric, for only 15 cents a yard. For summer wear robes of this pretty and inexpensive material intended to be worn over slips of colored silk, are increasing in popularity every day. Some of these are supplemented with lace, and in nearly every instance the sleeves are of elbow length. The elbow sleeve will be the vogue throughout the summer, although at present it is chiefly confined to afternoon and evening gowns. It is, however, the most becoming form of manche imaginable, and now that it is elaborately gathered or "pouffed" on the shoulder it has been adopted with the utmost enthusiasm by girls and dowagers alike. Another pretty novelty here that attracted my attention was the new shot belt buckle. These buckles are made especially to be worn with the new shot silk suits and are decidedly smart and neat. The Westside's new instalment of crepe de chene is certainly attractive, and the colors delightful, especially the myrtle, reseda and brown shades. But you seem to have a penchant for red or deep rose shade in this material. I, however, have no fancy for these colors. Perhaps it is because I used frequently to see, at social functions last spring, a lady of ample proportions who always wore a gown of red voile or crepe de chine, trimmed with strappings of white. I used to think always what a very smart bathing costume this particular gown would make if it were "cut down," so to speak. In fact it reminded one of an overgrown chic French bathing frock. Yet I dare say a pretty, pale shade of old rose crepe de chine would make a charming afternoon gown, with very full pleated skirt, the bodice being arranged with fichu folds of crepe de chine and Irish lace, with chemisette of Irish lace. The undersleeves should be made also of Irish lace, while the upper parts are of the crepe de chine reaching only to the elbows and finished there with finely pleated frills and lace, and with long pointed belt of rose velvet.

Deep, loose tucks become more and more fashionable on afternoon and evening gowns, made of soft, light materials, and a novelty is the use of wide silk braidon such fabrics. Braid heretofore having been only seen on cloth, cashmere, or similar stuffs. The braid most suitable for trimming union voile, etc., is silk diamond braid, which must exactly tone in with the shade of the material. Naturally, braid of a contrasting color would not be admissible, though on tailor-made costumes no such rule prevails. The new braids that I have seen have an extra bright surface, and the same effect has been brought into a new make of lace, known as "silver lace," and which at a distance really looks exactly like silver.

In Weiler Bros. I see they have a great display of that pretty rustic hickory furniture that has become so popular for lawns and verandas. It is made up of a weather defying combination of young hickory sapling frames, with seats of woven inner growth of hickory bark. The chairs and settees are particularly picturesque and artistic for gardens, and are quite inexpensive. In this store alone they are also selling these wonderful "Lightning" ice cream freezers. Really, if you do not possess one, I advise you to invest at once; they are simply splendid. I remember one very hot day last summer when a number of unexpected guests arrived. The heat was actually too overpowering for tea, so I bethought me of my new "Lightning freezer," and believe me, that in 15 minutes the worthy "Chou" served us with the most delicious ice cream. By the way, Madge, I am afraid this same irresponsible "Chou" will never truly embrace Christianity, although he has been attending the mission for ever so long. But he still tells the most awful lies with the greatest calmness you can imagine. And when I explain that it is a very wicked thing to fib, that when he dies he will go below, he simply says with a knowing look in his eye, "How you know?"

The jewellery store windows are full of new, fascinating novelties. With regard to the large gold lockets which were so dear to our grandmothers, and which appear so utterly unattractive when compared with the light and decorative jewellery of to-day, there is more than a suggestion of them in the fashionable photograph pendants so much in vogue, worn with charms on a slender chain. Many of these pendants are prettily set in diamonds or colored gems, but many, again, are merely set in plain gold with glass face. All the same, even in their improved form they cannot be said to be pretty ornaments. Fine workmanship does not enter into the making of such jewellery, and one turns with relief to the beautiful enamel and the delicate gold ornaments set with tiny precious stones, which are a welcome return to the time when the art of the goldsmith was at its best. When a craftsman did not regard his vocation as something to be belittled as much as possible by turning out scamped work.

With the wedding season approaching, the mind turns to useful and fascinating gifts; and while the receptacles for bonbons were never so dainty, the feminine heart yearns rather for something less perishable as a souvenir. It, therefore, accepts with more genuine satisfaction an offering of jewellery, or of some lasting article, antique or charmingly modern.

Soon the camping season will be here; the time when you pack up your tents, outing utensils, etc., and betake yourselves "back to the woods" or seaside. But before you go be sure and provide yourself with some musical instrument; I would suggest a graphophone. I see Fletcher Bros. advertise them, and really, Madge, they are a source of a great deal of amusement during the summer evenings around a camp fire.

"BABETTE."

A NOVEL CONCERT.

Signor Claudio and the Margherita Orchestra Will Perform in Aid of Anti-Tuberculosis Fund.

Signor Ernesto Claudio, the well-known professor of music, has arranged a grand vocal and instrumental concert in aid of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, which will take place in the Institute hall on Wednesday evening next. A novel feature of the programme will be the selections by the "Margherita Mandolin Club,' consisting of the following: Violin, Miss Brookes; first mandolins: Mrs. D. Harris, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Jenkins, Miss Salt; second mandolins: Miss Lawson, Miss Conway, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Oliver; guitars: Mrs. M. H. Rathoni, Miss Christie, Miss Pope, Miss Mitchell, Mr. H. Ball; pianoforte accompaniest: Miss Gertrude Loewen; conductor, Signor Ernest Claudio.

The Mandolin Club will be assisted by Mrs. R. W. Dunsmuir, Miss E. Sehl, Miss G. Loewen, Mr. H. Kent and Mr. A. Gore.

The programme will be as follows:

First Part.

1. Fantasia ..... G. Sartori
   Margherita Orchestra.
2. Song—Roberto il Diavolo ..... Weber
   Miss E. Sehl, with violin obligato.
3. Song—Rest Thee, Sad Heart..Del Riego
   Mr. H. Kent.
4. Violin Solo—Fantasie, or Scene de Ballet ..... C. De Be
   Signor E. Claudio.
5. Chitarrata (Danse Tarantella)..G. Sar
   Mrs. M. H. Rathoni, Miss Pope, M Christie, Miss Mitchell, Mr. H. Ball,

Second Part.

1. Valse de Concert—Gelsomino..G. Sa
   Margherita Orchestra.
2. Song .... Sele
   Mrs. R. W. Dunsmuir.
3. Recitative and Aria—Ernani...G. V
   Mr. A. T. Gore.
4. Violin Solo—L'Uccellino sull'Abero .. .. Ha
   Sig. E. Claudio.
5. Song .... Sele
   Mrs. R. W. Dunsmuir.

"God Save the King."
Margherita Orchestra.

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Ladies' Fancy Chiffon Neck Ruffs, in Black, Cream, and Black and White mixed. Regular values, $6.00 to $9.00 each.
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54-inch "Harris" Tweed in costume lengths only. Regular values, $1.50 yard.
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White Matting.
Plain White Matting or Basket Cloth, the popular wash fabric for blouses.
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Boys' Black Ribbed Cotton Hose, with double heels, knees and toes. Also another line with double knitted legs. Regular 35c a pair.
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38 in. by 24 in. White Cotton Towels, soft finish. Regular value, 20c each.
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In Fast Black Cashmere, double heels and toes Reg. value, 40c pair. To clear, **3 pair $1.00.**

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Flaked Linen Crash for Blouse Costumes, in Blue, Grey, Green and Navy, 36 in. wide. Reg. value, 55c a yard.
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Ladies' New Leather Wrist Bags, made in black seal, with small purse enclosed. Regular value, $1.00 each.
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New Crepe de Chene in colors Myrtle, Reseda Brown, Navy and Black, 44 inch per yard, 75c. **$1.00**
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44 in. Exclusive Suit lengths of Cheek Basket Cloth, in Blue, Grey Oxford, Roseda and Champagne, per yard, **$1.25**
Exclusive Suit Lengths of Fancy Tweed, in all the Latest Color Effects, per yard, **90c.**
Basket Cloth in Black, Brown, Green and Navy, 44 inches wide, per yard, **90c.**
Cream Nun's Veiling, yd. **50c**
Cream Serges, yard 60c, 90c, $1.25
Hygienic Nun's Veiling, in Cream only thoroughly shrunk, per yd. 65c
Wool Delaine in both Cream and Black, per yard 60c
Silk Eolienne in all the new colorings and Black, per yard, $1.25

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MAY 13TH, 1905

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NEXT WEEK'S NUMBER.

In next Saturday's number of Week will appear an illustrated ar on the Revelstoke district by our spe representative, Mr. Percy F. Godenr an amusing rhyme entitled "In N Blue," written and illustrated by M Emily Carr, and an original short s by "L. R. Fitz-G. C.," in addition to usual complement of news, reviews editorial comment.